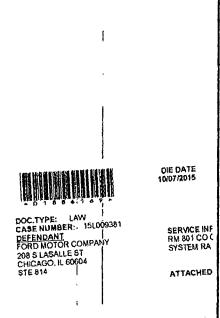
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10. That at all times mentioned herein, the public policy of the State of Illinois was as follows:

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DARYL CRAIG, demands judgment against

Defendant, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, in an amount in excess of FIFTY THOUSAND

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COUNT II

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

RETALIATORY DISCHARGE

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29. At all times mentioned herein, Defendant, FORD, acted with intentional and reckless disregard for Plaintiff's rights and Plaintiff, DARYL CRAIG seeks an award of punitive damages against Defendant, FORD.

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